

## NBVC Sailors meet 'West Wing' Commander in Chief

By Kim Upshaw

Lighthouse Staff

POINT MUGU, Calif. – The air is damp, the fog hangs low, yet all the Sailors, Marines and visiting Army personnel are excited to be out at VR-55. The air is charged with electricity as approximately 100 military volunteers have a cup of coffee or munch on a piece of fresh fruit while they await their chance to become forever a part of television history.

Warner Brothers Studios invaded the unusually quiet hangar to film the season opener of *The West Wing*, a drama on NBC that chronicles the happenings in the White House during fictional president, Josiah Bartlett's presidency. The show, which holds the record for the most Emmys won in a single season (its first) is about to start its fourth season and is widely considered to be one of the best dramas on television today.

AMC Darrell Shields of VR-55 was happy to give up his time to work as an extra, and the fact that extras were paid \$90 for their time made it worth the 12-hour day. "I'm doing this to support my command MWR," he said. Shields, like many others had the opportunity to meet members of the cast. "I got to meet Martin Sheen," he said.

Chief Petty Officer selectee Kevin Bang of VP-65 was on the set as well. "We are here raising money for our induction ceremony," he said. "As the viewing public, we always see the finished product, but we never really have the opportunity to see how it gets there, so I think it will be really interesting to see this aspect of the television process."

Many Sailors came out for a very different reason. CECN Terry Scaife of NMCB-5 said, "I just want my mom to see me on T.V. and maybe meet a movie star like Martin Sheen." BU3 Mark Pacheco also from NMCB-5 "just wanted to be on T.V." Whatever the reason these Sailors took part in the production, the common denominator seemed to be Martin Sheen, and it was easy to understand why.

The amicable Emmy-winning actor had a way of putting

everyone he spoke with immediately at ease with questions like "Where are you from? Are you married? Do you have any kids?" His sheer excitement at meeting every member of the military who was on the set was, simply put, amazing. An interview for the base newspaper that should have taken 10 minutes took nearly two hours to complete because he kept stopping to talk to Sailors.

This guy was clearly the star of the show at this taping and true to his reportedly good-natured style he even told producers and directors to "wait a minute" so he could finish visiting with a Sailor or sign just one more autograph.

"We are very grateful to the military for accommodating

encouragement. They are there, they know what the dangers are and they know what their duty is," he said. "The troops should just know that we are very grateful for what they do. We are more than grateful ... we honor them and are proud of them."

Cast member Dulé Hill, who plays Charlie Young, personal aide to the president, agrees with his on screen employer. Staying true to his character's personality, he simply said "I just want to say thank you." Hill went on to say "I respect the Sailors and soldiers who are out there defending our freedom."

Allison Janney, who plays Press Secretary C.J. Cregg, (a

role that has earned her two best supporting actress Emmys and a nomination for best actress in a drama for her portrayal of Cregg this past year) admits that this is her first visit to a military installation. "I am sitting here and I am watching those [jets] and I am thinking I'd kinda like to go up in one of those things today." Janney's thought is not an unfamiliar one to a first time visitor. And even though she is as star-struck by the maneuvers of the fighter jets as the pilots are of her, she is still able to focus on the task at hand, her portrayal of Cregg.

"As I look around I am realizing that this, right here, is our first line of defense," she said. "It makes me so very proud to be here, very respectful of where I am walking." Janney applauds the reaction of the American public towards the fight for freedom. "The way this country has pulled together, and how the public is behind the men

and women in the military is amazing. We all know what a great sacrifice it is and we appreciate what the service members and their families are doing for us. Our hearts are with them," she said.

The highlight of the day for AZSC(AW) Roy Lancaster was an easy one to recall. He was re-enlisted by Martin Sheen. Sheen, who has never served in the Armed Forces, was thrilled to be able to perform such a service for his country. "This is truly an honor," he said. And so, at the



Kim Upshaw

**West Wing star Martin Sheen takes the time to sign an autograph for AM1 Sperling of VR-55. "It's for my wife and sons," he said. Sperling admits he has never seen the show before "But I'm sure gonna watch it now."**

us," said Sheen with a laugh. "We can be a handful." Sheen was just as excited to be at Point Mugu as the Sailors were about having him here. "I've gotten to meet some of the pilots and some of the other extras," he said. "I can't believe how young they are, or maybe that is just an indication of how old I am," Sheen joked.

When asked to share some words of encouragement with the service members who are stationed on NBVC, Sheen was at a loss for words. "Gosh," he said. "I wouldn't know what to say that they don't already know." He sat for a brief moment deep in thought. "They are the ones who give us

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# NBVC Federal firefighters lay to rest one of their own

By Jan Olson  
NBVC Fire Prevention

POINT MUGU, Calif. –A memorial service was held July 25 for Naval Base Ventura County firefighter Daniel (Dan) Russell. Dan lost his valiant struggle with small cell lymphoma Thursday, July 18 with his family by his side.

More than 200 mourners attended the service held at Hangar 365. Daniel’s co-workers, federal employees and firefighters from surrounding agencies came to pay their respects. “The service was an emotional and moving tribute to a great guy. Dan would have been proud,” said fire inspector Veronica Mijares.

During the service, Russell’s friends spoke of his dedication to the job. Fellow firefighter and friend John Shearer wrote a moving eulogy. “Danny was the fireman’s fireman. He was the one that everyone wanted on their strike team. Danny believed in comfort and was determined that he and his would

always have a cup of hot coffee or espresso and eat well.” John ended with a special message to those who meant so much, “to his other family, the fire service. We can take comfort in knowing that Danny’s suffering is over. He’s got a new assignment. Knowing Danny, he’s already working on his new locker, printing up some labels and already working on some ideas he would like to share with God about organizing his house. Dan has taught us duty, honor, strength and courage. He will be sorely missed.”

Bagpipers played Amazing Grace and the Ventura County Honor Guard posted the colors.

A traditional last bell ceremony was held. It signifies that the life of a firefighter is closely associated with the ringing of a bell. When the fire was out and the alarm had been finished, the bell rang three time to signify the end. During a moment of silence, a bell was rung three times to signify Russell’s completed task.

To complete the service, firefighters lined up for the walk of honor. As Russell’s casket passed, each firefighter saluted. Russell’s casket was loaded onto a fire truck for his last ride. With fire trucks following and a police escort ahead of him, he was laid to rest in Santa Clarita Cemetery in Newhall.

The Federal Fire Department of NBVC would like to thank COMAEWWINGPAC, VAW 112 and all of those who helped in the organization of the memorial service.

The fire department is looking for

any pictures that were taken during the ceremony or procession for inclusion in a memorial scrapbook. Please contact the Fire Prevention office at 989-7344.

A college fund has been established for Dan’s children through the Point Mugu Federal Credit Union. Donations should be made payable to FIRE PREVENTION FUND with DAN RUSSELL on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to:

Federal Fire Department, Ventura County  
Fire Prevention Fund – Dan Russell  
B642, 11<sup>th</sup> street  
Point Mugu, CA 93043



PH3 Brian Bynem

A fire truck with Russell’s casket passes under the American flag.



PH3 Brian Bynem

NBVC Federal Fire Engineer John Shearer, left and Los Angeles County firefighter Steve Markley carry the casket of NBVC firefighter Dan Russell at a memorial service July 25.

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## For her continued faithful service



Sarah Burford

Margaret Manriquez is the latest NBVC Public Works Employee of the Quarter. Manriquez, awarded here by Cmdr. Douglas Boothe, is a customer service specialist working in Work Input & Control/Service Desk Area. Her colleagues say her initiative and ability make her the “go to” person for all work process issues for all of Public Works. She has been a federal employee since 1981.



# If you should ask me... Do you think competitive eating is a sport?



Yes! I love to eat ice cream.

Tara Connolly, Navy spouse

No! It promotes an unhealthy lifestyle.



ET1(SS) Stephen Houston, NAWS China Lake



Absolutely! It's fun and it's hard competition.

Lt. Rudy Carasco, NACC, Port Hueneme

No! Sports should not involve eating.



CM3 John Herring, NBVC



No! It's an unhealthy lifestyle of eating for recreation instead of just fueling your body.

Lidia Cueva, NBVC Youth Center

# Community Calendar

## Point Mugu LIBERTY Program Center open

Surf.net, home of the NBVC Point Mugu LIBERTY program is located at Bldg. 20 adjacent to the galley. Video games, ping-pong, pool and more are all available free of charge. For more information please call 989-0919.

## Mugu Lanes extends hours

New hours are Sunday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Specials Thursday – Poor Richard Night – hot dogs, \$1, nachos \$1, bowling, \$1. Call 989-7667 for information.

## Navy New Year's Eve to New York City contest

Ten winners and their guest will enjoy a 7-day all expenses paid trip to New York City Dec. 27 – Jan. 2. The contest begins Aug. 1 and runs through Nov. 1. For contest rules and details please visit [www.mwr.navy.mil](http://www.mwr.navy.mil).

## Play group offered

Port Hueneme play group is every Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon, in classroom A at the Fleet and Family Support Center, Bldg. 1169. Point Mugu's play group meets Tuesdays 9-11 a.m. at the Mugu chapel.

Moms and dads are encouraged to bring their children infant to 4 years. Bring yourself and your little one(s) to share some fun with other parents and their children. Bring some toys and blankets to sit on, and a sense of fun.

This program is run by volunteers in an effort to give parents some time to enjoy adult conversation. For contact info, call or stop by the Fleet and Family Support Center, Bldg. 1169, Port Hueneme. Main info line is 982-5037. No registration is necessary for the play group.

## NBVC Boxing Club

At Bee Hive Boxing facility – Cardio Boxing, instruction in boxing fundamental and instruction for boxing competition, programs for women available. Boxing center is open 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Friday. Call 982-4749 for information.

## Dodgers tickets available

\$18.50 per ticket. Also, NBVC MWR Magic Mountain picnic, Saturday, Aug. 3 – \$30.85 per person includes BBQ, activities, admission to Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor. Please call your NBVC Ticket and Travel offices at 984-4284 or 989-7628 for details.

## Putt-Pass & Kick golf tournament

Presented by Point Mugu Golf Course on Friday, Aug. 16. \$20 entry fee covers greens fee, prizes, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch. Sign up at the Point Mugu Golf Course. Call 989-7109 for information.

## FFSC financial counseling

FFSC clinical and financial counselors are always available to active duty, retirees, active duty reservists and their family members on an appointment basis. Call 982-5037 or 989-8146 to request counseling services.

## Summer aquatics

Summer hours are 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. every day. Lessons, Jr. Lifeguard program, scuba classes, dive in movies will all be offered this summer.

## Dive-In movies

Come join in the Friday evening fun! – Point Mugu Pool – Aug. 2, Port Hueneme Pool – Aug. 9 and Aug. 23. Call 989-7788 or 982-4752 for details.

## Saturday afternoon youth recreation

Open to ages 5 – 11 only, held at the Port Hueneme Teen Center and the Point Mugu Youth Center every Saturday Noon – 4 p.m. Children must be registered and signed in and out by a parent or guardian. \$1 per day or \$20 per year. Call 982-4726 or 982-4218.

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Passports for food will be available on August 8 at Fleet & Family Service Center and from EEO/Command Reps. A limited number of passports will be available at the event. Cost = \$5.00

For further information contact: DT2 Mario Orozco at 989-7603 or Debbie Wilson at 982-1404.



# Military working dogs busy as bees at NBVC

Story and photo by JO1 Alex Carfrae

NBVC Public Affairs



NBVC, Calif. – Just like the rest of us, Bach has a morning routine. He stretches, he yawns, inhales his food, then he's off to work.

Bach is a 5-year-old German Shepherd and is employed as an explosives-sniffing military working dog at Naval Base Ventura County's Force Protection department. His duties include working the entrance gates during an increased force protection posture, checking out suspicion items, and of course, trying out that new fire hydrant at the corner of Mugu Road and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the military working dogs of Naval Base Ventura County have taken on a number of new responsibilities. And annual events like the Point Mugu Air Show and Port Hueneme's Seabee Days, adds even more.

"We're the only law enforcement

**MA2 Jason Clark grooms Bach, a five-year-old German shepherd.**

agency in the area with bomb dogs," said MA1(SW/AW) Robert Herbstreith, NBVC's kennel supervisor. "So we often help out the local community if they have a situation they can't handle with their resources."

Being a working dog handler isn't just a full time job, it's like adding a new member to your family. "We have to feed, bathe, train, love and take care of our dogs if they get sick. This is in addition to all of our other military responsibilities," said Herbstreith.

Military working dogs begin their careers at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. They're purchased from vendors around the world and shipped to Lackland, where they begin training to search for explosives and narcotics. Once the dogs have met standards at Lackland, they're sent to different bases and paired with handlers for continued training.

This entire process, starting with the purchase of the dog, takes an average of three to four months. While dogs in training can't perform legal searches before they're fully trained and certified, they can still patrol.

Once a dog is assigned to a base, it's all about psychology. "We try to pair the dog's personality with the handler's personality," said Herbstreith. "It doesn't always work out though," he said. "I've been through five dogs since I've been here."

## NAWCWD-led team successfully launches MA-31 target

By VX-30 Public Affairs

TEAM MA-31, comprised of a variety of skilled personnel from NAVAIR, Boeing, and BAE Flight Systems, successfully launched an MA-31 target vehicle on July 3 from an F-4D Phantom II aircraft. The exercise provided a supersonic sea-skimming target for the U.S.S. *Constellation* Battle Group's surface-to-air missiles. The MA-31 operation provided invaluable, realistic training for surface combatant defense systems, helping ready the Battle Group for its upcoming deployment. The operation was a major accomplishment in providing a vital service to the fleet, showcasing the value and effectiveness of the government/industry team.

The MA-31 project success was a result of the efforts of many individuals spread throughout the three organizations. NAVAIR engineers, technicians and operations conductors readied the test planning and orches-

trated the execution. Boeing provided the support personnel, target vehicle, and support hardware. BAE Flight Systems, based out of Mojave, Calif., provided two F-4D aircraft with pilots and maintenance crew.

One of the many key team players was Michael J. "Plow" Gorman, MA-31 flight test engineer, who provided his expertise and acted as launch control operator (LCO). Gorman's previous LCO experience, depth of knowledge with the MA-31, and background as a U.S. Navy Test Pilot School graduate led to his selection as LCO for this launch.

Supporting Gorman as backup LCO was Lt. Cmdr. Scott M. "Whitey" Herzog, the MA-31 Project Officer from VX-30. Herzog commented, "Mike's knowledge of the launch system and its installation in the F-4 aircraft was instrumental in overcoming several hurdles, which included a missile malfunction on July 2, and a command launch computer (CLC) failure the morning of July 3. Regardless of the difficulty, Mike made it work."

The original date for a launch was July 2; however, the target malfunctioned after initiating the launch sequence, and did not release. After the two F-4D aircraft recovered uneventfully at NAS Point Mugu, the team launched into an investigation lasting well into the evening. Pooling their assets, the team discovered the error to be an internal missile component problem and readied a new target the very next day.

Mr. Alex Fay, the MA-31 Operational Engineer commented, "With the flexibility and quick decision-making from the team, we were able to decide the best course to complete the operation. Given the cost and complexity of this training exercise, which included multiple ships and surface to air missiles, we ensured that all of our systems had available backups."

The success of this operation also demonstrated the abilities of a target with quite an interesting history. The MA-31 is derived from an actual foreign threat, the Russian Kh-31 anti-ship missile. In 1994, approval to move forward with the conversion of Kh-31s to target vehicles marked the first military acquisition between the Russian ministry of defense and the U.S. DoD.

The Russian manufacturer, Svezda Strella, provided the target vehicles to Boeing. Boeing added a range payload package comprised of a flight termination system, telemetry and a radar-tracking beacon.

After flight demonstration tests were completed in 1997, the MA-31 operational profiles were severely constrained due to range safety concerns with the launch aircraft and participating ships. For some of the planning scenarios, the ships could not be positioned as close to the MA-31's flight path as desired due to limited flight path accuracy. Furthermore, the aircraft could not launch the

target and reach a reasonably safe distance from the ship's defensive missiles prior to engagement.

Faced with these challenges, Boeing proposed upgrades to the already acquired MA-31 vehicles that would improve range and guidance accuracy. Gorman commented, "Boeing was able to incorporate the same guidance system used in the Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM). With the high volume production of JDAM, and most of the non-recurring engineering development out of the way, they provided dramatic improvements to the MA-31's target mission capability at a bargain rate." In 1999, the Navy approved the precision guidance program, named MA-31PG.

So how do you extend the range without adding fuel or changing the propulsion system? Simple, just launch the target at high altitude and put it in a glide before lighting off the booster. Meanwhile, the launch aircraft can make a run for it, placing distance between them and the ship's missiles. As the MA-31PG reaches low altitude, the booster ignites and "the fight is on."

Utilizing QF-4 aircraft from VX-30, MA-31PG successfully completed developmental testing in March 2001, proving out the "delayed boost" and precision guidance concept. The system was ready for the fleet.

The MA-31 target vehicle can be released from a variety of altitudes, from which a rocket booster ignites and accelerates the vehicle to supersonic speeds. Once the rocket motor is depleted, a ramjet engine sustains the vehicle in flight through various pre-programmed maneuvers.

The July 3 launch was from 33,000 feet. The vehicle flew a glide profile to 5,000 feet, from where the rocket booster ignited and flew it down to a sea-skimming altitude.



Lt. Cmdr. S. Herzog

**Piloted by Bob Miller, F-4D aircraft serial number 66-7483 flies past Santa Cruz Island on its way back to Point Mugu.**

# NMCB-40 Dental Clinic makes use of portable equipment

Story & photo by JO1(SCW) Greg Frazho

NMCB-40 Public Affairs

CAMP COVINGTON, Guam – When a natural disaster occurs, one of the first things that inhabitants of an area lose is electrical power. Sometimes they lose water as well, and the challenges created by the tandem are not pleasant. On the island of Guam, severe runoff into Fena Lake reservoir created extremely high levels of turbidity, forcing the shutdown of the water treatment plant – and the denial of water to the naval base.

But despite the damage and inconvenience wrought by Typhoons Chata’an and Halong, the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Forty’s dental clinic are still in business, cleaning teeth and preparing fillings. Dental readiness is an important component of any battalion’s deployment and the dental techs have sustained this with the use of a portable field compressor.

“It’s a field suction unit which is attached to the field compressor unit,” said DT1(FMF) Dennis Davis, dental clinic LPO. “We can’t use the [normal] suction unit here because we don’t have water to cool. That’s why we’re using the field suction unit; because it doesn’t require water to cool it.”

Davis went on to say that the unit is capable of operating hand pieces like the air-water syringe and cavitron. “It’s basically a way to run an entire dental treatment unit,” he said. “This is good training. It can be used anywhere because it’s portable.”

“It’s cool,” said DT3(SCW) Dominique Paano, a dental assistant at Fighting 40’s clinic. “I don’t usually get to use this, but in this situation here, we had to break it out. It hasn’t



**DT3(SCW) Dominique Paano cleans the teeth of a patient using a portable compressor unit. With fresh water being a valuable commodity, measures like these have been taken to conserve wherever possible.**

been any more difficult to use. On a regular schedule, we have about 30 patients per week. This gives us good flexibility. It won’t impact patients at all.”

With a setup time of only 10 minutes, the unit has proven

its worth to a battalion that has shifted from a construction to a contingency frame of mind. Said Davis, “We can do our regularly scheduled patients with this unit. Without it, we’d have to cancel appointments.”



# Ventura County Cub Scouts experience NBVC



**Tyler Dobbert, 10, left, and Brandon Holbrook, 9, right, both of Point Mugu Pack 3248, paint the paper mache' volcanoes that they made during Cub Scout Day Camp.**

**Story & photos by Kim Upshaw**  
*Lighthouse Staff*

POINT MUGU, Calif. – Naval Base Ventura County recently opened their gates to more than three hundred Ventura County Cub Scouts, their families and volunteers for Cub Scout Daycamp 2002.

This year's Scout Camp, entitled Forces of Nature, featured a variety of nature-related arts and crafts such as paper mache volcanoes, along with the standard archery, BB guns and base tour activities.

Point Mugu Pack 3248 was one of about 26 packs who participated in the camp held behind the picnic pavilion near the baseball fields. According to Glenn Kaler, committee chairman for the pack, all but one Cub Scout from Pack 3248 attended camp this year. Family members provided support to the camp by either volunteering to actively participate as den leaders or program staff, or by lending their time for preparation, such as cutting wood for projects that the boys assembled during their week of fun and excitement.

"I liked it a lot, I really liked the archery and the BB guns, and the chess set we made with nuts and bolts, but the best thing about it was all the bulls eyes I got, I got three in archery and three in BB gun," nine-year-old Brandon Holbrook excitedly explained.

Brandon's father, Chief Lance Holbrook, asst. officer in charge of PSD, Port Hueneme, helped to cut wood for some 250 wood projects the boys made at camp. "I think it is really

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important to support my son in everything he does,” he said. “The ideals of scouting, such as character development and good citizenship, are values that I myself believe in so to be active with a group who has a solid program based on honesty and integrity and personal achievement is definitely something that I enjoy doing.”

For the Holbrook family, scouting is a family affair. While Holbrook himself serves Pack 3248 as the camping chairman, his wife Robin also volunteers her time by acting as a den leader for their son’s den.

The goal of Cub Scout Day Camp, according to Day Camp Director for the Ventura County Council Peggy Seay, is not just to finish achievements for advancements and awards, it is also to help the scouts involved to form respectful relationships with other scouts and leaders. The camp also gives the boys a fun environment to exercise their adventurous side.

“The purpose of day camp is to provide activities for the boys that fulfill the overall purposes of scouting while providing them the opportunity to earn achievements that they cannot earn within their individual packs, like BB gun and archery,” said Seay. “The overall goal would be to help to strengthen the boys’ ability to get along with other boys, to respect other people and to foster a sense of personal achievement by encouraging the boys to try new skills, and allow them to practice those skills that they’ve learned.”

Eight-year-old Bryon Fogle is fairly new to the world of Cub Scouting. He, along with his father AE1 Bill Fogle of VAW-116, just joined Pack 3248 last fall. Due to deployment, Bryon’s father was unable to attend camp with him, so his mother, Dawn, volunteered her time to act as a den leader in his place.

“It was good. I saw my mom everyday, even though she wasn’t my leader,” said Bryon. “BB guns were my favorite, but I liked the egg drop too.” Bryon’s mother ended up in the Tiger Den where she was an assistant leader alongside day camp veteran John Christianson of Ventura.

Bryon is not the only Cub Scout in the Fogle family. Aside from the fact that his father was in Scouts when he was younger, Bryon’s younger brother Jayson recently signed up to be a Tiger Scout with Pack 3248, just in time to attend day camp. “It was fun,” said Jayson. “My favorite part was archery. You get to shoot a real bow and arrow, and I never shot one before.” Jayson also enjoyed making the arts and crafts. “My favorite thing was the picture frame,” he said, “and singing the alligator song.”

The second week of The Ventura County Council’s Day Camp is happening this week with another estimated 300 people from the county in attendance.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Cub Scouts is asked to contact Pack 3248’s Committee Chairman, Glenn Kaler, at (805) 989-1984 or (805) 486-3019.



**Jimmy Upshaw, 9, of Pack 3248, proudly shows his grouping after he finishes his BB gun lesson.**



# New skipper takes command of NMCB-40

By JO1(SCW) Greg Frazho

NMCB-40 Public Affairs

CAMP COVINGTON, Guam – The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Forty have a new commanding officer. In a ceremony at Camp Covington, Cmdr. G. E. “Dwyn” Taylor II relieved Cmdr. Mason Crum to become the twenty-second commanding officer of Fighting 40.

Taylor, a former surface warfare officer, joins the battalion after serving as executive officer of Engineering Field Activity, Northwest in Poulsbo, Wash. Crum, a captain-select, heads to Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Norfolk, Va.

After battling the effects of two typhoons, the battalion conducted a ceremony rife with music, close order drill and military pageantry. Capt. William Rudich, commanding officer of the 30<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Regiment was the invited guest speaker, but due to the typhoons, was unable to travel to Guam. CMDMC(SCW) Philip Devine presented the ceremony’s remarks on behalf of Rudich.



PHAN Lamel J. Hinton

**CMDMC Philip J. Divine passes the flag of NMCB-40 to Capt. (SEL) Mason Crum (center) as he relieves command to Cmdr. George E. Taylor II.**



PHAN Lamel J. Hinton

**Cmdr. George E. Taylor II (left) exchanges salutes with Capt. (sel) Mason Crum as Taylor assumes the command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty during a change of command ceremony.**

“You’re incoming skipper has a distinguished Navy career starting off in the surface Navy,” said Rudich in remarks read by the command master chief. “Dwyn, I know that you’ve prepared yourself for this day and I have every confidence that Fighting 40 is in good hands and that you will build upon Cmdr. Crum’s superb accomplishments.”

The two commanders read their orders, passed the battalion flag, and ended the formal turnover with the traditional words, “Sir, I relieve you. Sir, I stand relieved.” In

his remarks, Taylor thanked the men and women of Fighting 40 for all they had done in the past week, preparing for and recovering from two typhoons.

“I commit to you that I will do my very best to meet and exceed the challenges of command; to treat each and every Seabee of NMCB-40 with the dignity and respect you deserve; and to always put the needs of the battalion before my own.”

Taylor will serve as commanding officer of NMCB-40 for two years.



# VR-55 XO takes reins as skipper

By JOSN Robbie Thomas

Photos by PH1 Mark Faughty

NAVAIRES Public Affairs

POINT MUGU, Calif. —Cmdr. Richard S. Tedmon relieved Cmdr. Michael L. Mahan, as Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 55 (VR-55) commanding officer July 20 during a change of command ceremony held in the squadron hangar.

The guest speaker, Rear Adm. Robert O. Passmore, Deputy Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean, expressed his awe in Mahan's accomplishments as commanding officer. During his tour as CO, VR-55 received the Noel Davis Battle "E", the CNO Safety "S", the Golden Wrench Award and Golden Anchor Award for 2001.

In the beginning of the ceremony Mahan welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. He fought back tears when he talked about his squadron and quoted Tom Hanks, from the movie, *A League of their Own*, saying, "There's no crying in baseball."

Mahan served as the executive officer for VR-55 from 1999-2001, when he was selected as commanding officer.

He will report to Naval Air Station JRB Fort Worth, in September 2002, as Commander, Fleet Air, Western Pacific, Reserve Detachment-170.

Cmdr. Richard S. Tedmon, an upstate New York native, attended the Naval Reserve Officer Training Program in August 1979 where he majored in biology. He then received his bachelor of arts degree with a commission in the Navy in August 1984.

He received his master's in management from Troy State University and is a graduate of the Naval War College.

Upon being selected for the Training and Administration of Reserves program in March 1991, Tedmon reported to his first Temporary Active Reserve command, NAS Glenview, Ill.

His first order as commanding officer was to have the squadron march one step forward, and then one step back. This order was to answer a question that one of his daughters had asked him. She asked, "Hey dad, when you become the skipper, do they have to do what you say?" He answered, "I guess, if it's legal." She said, "would they march backwards if you told them to?"

Cmdr. Tedmon thought she deserved an answer after the numerous times she has had to pack up her toys and follow her father and the Navy.

Some of Tedmon's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), the Navy Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards). He has also accumulated over 3,800 accident free flight hours.

Tedmon credits the success he has had in his military career to his wife and three children.

VR-55 has completed many recent missions in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. By transporting supplies and equipment, they have ensured that deployed forces have the full support they need to accomplish their mission.

VR-55 has received the Noel Davis Award for 1991 and 1995, Battle "E" and the Congressman Bill Chapel Award for Logistic Excellence. The squadron was also the first to be selected to receive the Chapel award.



The enlisted Sailors of VR-55 stand in prayer at the invocation of the change of command ceremony July 20.



Cmdr. Richard S. Tedmon smiles proudly as the commanding officer pin is pinned to his uniform.



Cmdr. Michael L. Mahan reports aboard for the last time as VR-55's CO.



The chiefs and officers of VR-55 were dressed in their best for the occasion.



# NMCB-40 continues with post-typhoon recovery



**EO1(SCW) Bruce Burns looks ahead as EO3(SCW) Justin Richards pushes a load of earth down a hill using the cut and fill procedure.**

**Story & photos by  
JO1(SCW) Greg Frazho**

*NMCB-40 Public Affairs*

CAMP COVINGTON, Guam – While daily life here has nearly returned to normal for the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Forty, there is still work to be done in the recovery process following the damage inflicted by Typhoons Chata'an and Halong. Many crews have returned to their projects, and construction operations are settling back into their normal routines.

Recently, though, some equipment operators from Fighting 40's Alfa Company had to do some trail blazing in the Nimitz Hill area of the island. "We were cutting a road to get to the power poles, so the electricians could restore power to the Naval hospital and Nimitz Hill housing area," said EO1(SCW) Bruce Burns, leading petty officer at Orote Point quarry.

"The existing road had washed out; storms eroded away the earth and washed the fill somewhere else," added Burns. "We were cutting from the side of the mountain and filling the ravine in front of us." He went on to say that the task was performed with a D-7 Bulldozer. The

dozer flattened and made passable a new path for the utility truck to make the necessary repairs to nearby power poles.

When you're blazing a path to a certain point through heavy underbrush and drastic changes in terrain, safety is of the utmost importance. Add the fact that it was done with a piece of heavy construction equipment and you'll appreciate the value of quality workmanship in an urgent situation. Using the aforementioned 'cut and fill' method, the bulldozer makes repeated passes through and down a hill, pushing the dirt in front of it, to accommodate its eventual path downhill.

"The ravine was almost 10 feet deep," said Burns. "We got there, then we found another way with an older road. The electricians [civilian contractors] were able to restore power. It took two days."

For Burns, as with many of the Seabees of NMCB-40, the situation that resulted in the wake of the typhoons provided a valuable opportunity to practice the skills required in an emergency. "Contingency operations are a lot more intense," said Burns. "It's good to do something different for a while, and get a chance to do what Seabees do. It was a nice change of pace."



# Local Sailors build lasting friendships with MDA campers

By JO2 Lynn Kirby

Lighthouse staff

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Sailors from Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) and some of its tenant commands recently attended the 2002 Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) summer camp at Loyola Marymount University.

About a dozen Sailors from the area volunteered to be camp counselors during the week-long camp. There were also Sailors and Marines at the camp who came from as far as Arlington, Texas.

For some counselors, this was the first time experiencing what MDA camp is all about. For others, it's become like an addiction to go to camp each summer. "This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of camp and each year, it just seems to get better," said AE1 Johnathan L. Frederick who's stationed at Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department at Point Mugu. "This last year, even if I could have missed it, I wouldn't. Spending time with each of these kids is a great experience. It's nearly an addiction getting back each year to give them the opportunity to enjoy themselves, and have the chance to be just like everyone else for this one week out of the year."

The counselors are responsible for the day-to-day care of the campers. The campers range from ages 6 to 21, and all have different movement limitations from one of numerous neuromuscular diseases, which are hereditary muscle-destroying disorders. First-time counselors can sometimes be unprepared for the full responsibility of being a counselor to an MDA camper, but after adjusting, they find that it's a lot of fun. "My first year I was a little overwhelmed at the responsibility of taking care of these kids. But, I had a lot of

fun and really got to know a lot of the kids pretty well. The second year I knew what to expect and since I didn't have the anxiety of the unknown, I had a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones," Frederick said.

"It's really great to see counselors come back, to know that they really care. A lot of times they come once and after realizing the responsibility of a counselor, they don't come back. So it's great to have the ones who do come back, the ones we build friendships with and grow to love," said Candis Welch, a 16-year-old camper from Palmdale, Calif.

The theme for this year's camp was "Campus Days & Nights." Campers and counselors lived in the dorms just like regular college students. They had access to all campus facilities, including the library, pool and gym. But, the biggest hit of the week was the campus Jamba Juice.

Throughout the week, special events celebrating the holidays of the year were scheduled each evening, starting with Cinco de Mayo the day of arrival to Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, and everyone's favorite, Valentine's Day and the sweetheart dance.

Another special event during the week was the balloon launch. Campers and counselors wrote messages about MDA and the friendships formed during camp. The messages were placed in little pods on the strings of the helium balloons and released in hopes that whoever found the pod would read the message and contact MDA to learn more about camp and the life-long friendships formed there.

MDA camp is more than a summer camp. From a



Official U.S. Navy photo

**AIMD's AE1 Johnathan Frederick, back, dances with Adrianna Villa and AO2 Robert Smith, also with AIMD, dances with Alexis Villa at a Valentine's Day dance.**

counselor perspective, it's more than just giving your time to help these kids. It's about giving your heart to them as well. "It's one of the most fulfilling things in my life. Once you go to camp and experience life with these kids, it becomes an addiction and you not only want to go back each year, but you need to. Being around these kids really gives you a new perspective on life," said Marine Gunnery Sgt. Malia Morrison who transferred from Camp Pendelton, Calif. to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas a few years ago, but still travels to Los Angeles for the MDA summer camp each year.

# NMCB-40 re-surveys Camp Covington

Story and photo by PH3 Lamel J. Hinton

*NMCB-40 Public Affairs*

CAMP COVINGTON, Guam – Have you ever driven down a road and wondered things like what the distance is from one intersection to the next, or who decides how wide the streets should be? Of course you don't. You probably think things like, "How fast can I go without being stopped by security so I won't be late for work." However, for the Engineering Aids (EAs) of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Forty, surveying road distances and determining road width requirements is part of their job.

Recently the EAs conducted a route survey of Camp Covington. "We use a Topcon 301D for surveying," said EACN Brandon Hill. "It's a device that shoots a laser toward a prism that reflects back to the device," said the native of Bozeman, Mont. "It gives accurate distance and angle readings to within 1/1000th of a foot." In a single day they surveyed the main road, which according to Hill was measured at 3,150 feet. "We'll start out from one point, go to the end of another point, figure out where it ties into another road, then set zero on the new road and go from there."

"We know buildings have moved and roads have changed," said EA1 Walter Pearson, engineering leading petty officer. "We're trying to get an accurate description of the camp. We start with the road first to create a centerline. This gives us control stations. By having control stations we can measure the distance to buildings more accurately." After the EAs gather their information, they load it into a program called Autocad 2000-I, a drafting program designed to make revisions easier than doing it by hand. This project provides great training on laying out roads, locating buildings, and tying buildings to a local landmark.

"I've been doing this for seventeen years," said Pearson. "This is my third battalion and my second time in Guam. It's nice to come back and see how things change." It will take a little time to complete the survey on Camp Covington, but with the on-the-job-training the engineering aids are receiving, time is on their side.



**EA3 Povilas Pekinas shoots an azimuth with a digital transit to compute a distance. This is fundamental to area surveying. It is through suveys like this that a map can be verified for accuracy.**



# Phase 1 kicks off DEFY 2002 program

The Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) program is in action again. July 15 marked the beginning of this year’s program with the Phase I camp at Point Mugu. This year’s program is composed of 27 youth ages 9-12. The youth spent five days on a tight schedule going over topics in the CMEO training classroom, sleeping in the barracks, eating at the galley and attending field trips at both Point Mugu and Port Hueneme.

Along to help mentor this energetic bunch were AZ2 Irma Naranjo, program coordinator and her staff of nine dedicated and generous Sailors who spent all week mentoring the youth, marching with them to the galley and barracks and overlooking their well being at night. These Sailors were AK1 Ashley “Rocky” Gonzalez from MMF-A, PH3 Brian Bynem from Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Public Affairs, HM2 Simon Gomez and HM3 Jerry Buss from the Point Mugu Medical Clinic, AK3 Monica Montoya and IT2 Donna Freauuff from VP-65, CE2 Fabiana Dasilva from NMCB-5, and AZAN Anthony Fore and AZAN Michelle Hammons from AIMD. This year we are also lucky enough to have a returning D.E.F.Y. graduate as a junior staff member, Jessi Kreps. The staff took no-cost TAD orders to volunteer in this program, and if “time-off” is the first thing on your mind, you couldn’t be further from the truth. They worked eight-hour shifts twice a day. It is possible none of them had worked harder in their lives, nor had as much fun with kids. Bynem said, “Seven years in the Navy, and I don’t think I’ve ever had this much fun.”

As well as enjoy the accommodations at Point Mugu, the children also participated in team-building games and exercises. They participated in the presidential fitness test, a modified version of the Navy’s physical readiness test. Led by different members of the staff, the youth participated in group discussions about different subjects such as nutrition, health, peer pressure, resolving conflicts and the facts and consequences of legal and illegal drugs. “It’s amazing how much these kids know and at the same time don’t know,” said Gonzalez after listening to several of the discussions.

The children were also treated to tours from the different tenant commands that generously donated their time to talk to the kids and show them around. They enjoyed seeing the military dogs, crash crew fire trucks, AIMD’s paraloft, as well as the air traffic control tower where they were gracious enough to allow the kids to see them at work in the radar room and even up in the tower. VAW-117 allowed the kids to come in and tour a brand new Hawkeye 2000 they had just received. As well as touring Point Mugu, the children were also treated to the Firearms Trainer and the Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme. There were also activities that allowed the children to just have fun. The parents were given the opportunity to come and spend some time with their children in the evenings, such as a movie at the base theater, bowling, and s’mores and games at the beach.

The week-long activity ended with a barbecue at the Point Mugu Pavilion where parents picked up their children and met the staff. The children were given a completion certificate for Phase I. Staff members gave a few words of wisdom to the children, and thanked the parents for letting them enjoy one week with their children. The breaking point for the staff members was when little Emerald Frazier came around and gave each one of the mentors a hug with tears in her eyes.

A special thanks to all the wonderful mentors, all the tenant commands and the Seabee Museum personnel who donated their time to talk to and show around the children; the Point Mugu barracks management and Point Mugu Galley personnel for their wonderful service and support. Also a warm thank you to AZ2 Martinez, Alexis Martinez, AS1 Tracy Hernandez, Alyssa Salanoa and Nancy Olavarrieta who also helped “behind the scenes” to set up events.

Overall the feedback on Phase I from both the staff and youth was very positive. They all look forward to the ten-month follow-up beginning in September, when the youth and staff will all meet to spend one fun-filled and educational Saturday a month together.

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podium, high above the crowd, with cast, crew and extras watching, and his wife, Laurie and daughter Sara at his side, Lancaster took the Enlistment Oath, being “fed his lines” by one of the most recognized faces in entertainment. Then, after much handshaking and congratulations, Sheen, along with his personal assistant, grandson Taylor, walked off the podium and got back to work after signing a few more autographs for his fans.

Llewellyn Wells, co-executive producer of *The West Wing*, smiled when asked about plans for the cast to interact with the extras.

“Martin Sheen asked me last week if he could find a way to sign a picture for every single member of the military who is with us

today. I think we have something like 400 pictures of the cast with us today,” he said. “Knowing Martin, he will attempt to sign them all individually.” And watching Martin run to a table hurriedly set up outside the hangar to sign autographs between takes, or having someone turn around so he could use their backs as a writing surface, one can only imagine that he did indeed sign all 400 of those pictures.

Even after being on the set for 12 hours, after the show wrapped, Sheen stayed for another hour signing autographs for anyone who would wait, going above and beyond the call of duty.



PH3 Brian Bynem

*NBVC's First Response Team was able to wrangle Sheen away from the set long enough to take this group photo.*



PH3 Brian Bynem

*From left to right, BU3 James Spain, MS3 Otaschus Hill, ET3 Tammie Burnip and UT3 David Thomas were standing at attention most of the day as the color guard for the scene.*



PH3 Brian Bynem

*AZSC(AW) Roy Lancaster has his re-enlistment oath read by Sheen. Also on hand were Lancaster's wife, Laurie, daughter, Sara, and of course, an officer as a witness.*



# 30<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Regiment changes hands

By JO1 Robert Carfrae and JO2 Traci Feibel

*Lighthouse staff and 3rd NCB Public Affairs*

Capt. Wayne G. Shear, Jr. was relieved by Capt. William J. Rudich at an early-morning change of command ceremony held in Port Hueneme June 28.

The change of command was held on the parade field at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, Calif., 2,178 nautical miles to the northeast of Pearl Harbor and Third Brigade Headquarters. Although the billet for the commanding officer of the unit is in Pearl Harbor, the headquarters of the Reserve Seabee Regiment is located in Port Hueneme, Calif.

"Captain Shear has distinguished himself over the last two years as a warrior, engineer, and leader," said Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade (NCB). "His exceptional achievement as commander of the 30th NCR and Vice Commander of the Third Brigade has been remarkable. He has led superbly through an unprecedented period of transformation and achievement. His experience and strong guidance motivated Pacific Seabees to achieve new heights of readiness and productivity. His visionary strategic planning stimulated long lasting improvements throughout the Naval Construction Force."

The 30<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) has played a vital part in the Pacific for the last 58 years. It was estab-



Photo by PH3 Brian Bynem

**Capt. William J. Rudich arrives at the ceremony, where he received command of 30th NCR.**

lished in 1944 on Saipan following the invasion of Tinian, and was known as the "airfield regiment." The Regiment was responsible for rebuilding a captured runway for use by U.S. aircraft, construction of roads, water facilities, camp facilities, and more. In March of 1952, the regiment moved to Cubi Point, Luzon, Philippines and became the director of both naval and civilian construction forces in the construction of Naval Air Station Cubi Point. Fifty years later, troops from the regiment are back in the Philippines improving the infrastructure on Basilan Island.

The 30<sup>th</sup> NCR also served in Vietnam, had troops in direct support of combat action during Operations Restore Hope and Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

These tasks are no different than what today's Seabees are accomplishing; Seabees assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> NCR were among the amphibious warriors who flew into Afghanistan, while making the first-ever expeditionary combat landing in the new C-17. Seabees again made history, as they enabled

Naval Forces to launch and sustain an amphibious raid 400 miles from the sea into the heart of the Taliban during our nation's global war on terrorism.

Shear is reporting to his new home in Washington D.C., where he'll take over the position of operations officer at Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

Rudich reports to the 30th NCR from the joint staff where he was chief of the Engineering Division, Logistics Directorate from September 2000 to June 2002.

Rudich is a Seabee Combat Warfare officer and a registered professional engineer in Colorado. His military awards include two Defense Superior Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Commandant of the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation Ribbon, along with numerous other campaign and service awards.



# Personnel development emphasized in changes to Fitreps, Evals

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. - Several revisions designed to focus on the growth and development of officers and Sailors have been approved for the Navy's performance evaluation system. The changes to fitness reports (Fitreps) and evaluations (Evals) will take effect Aug. 31.

Commanders will be the first evaluated using the new forms in August, followed closely by chief and senior chief petty officers, and chief warrant officers (W2) in September.

Among the changes to Fitreps and Evals recommended by a Performance Evaluation and Counseling working group composed of fleet officer and enlisted leadership, and approved by the Chief of Naval Operations were:

- Removal of the requirement to substantiate 5.0 grades in the comments section. The additional space allows evaluators to personalize the feedback for the individual and provide detailers and selection boards insight for assignment and promotion.

- Addition of a mandatory comment on the reports of leaders, from leading petty officers to commanding officers, judging their efforts and effect in "fostering a command and workplace environment conducive to the growth and development of personnel."

- Revision to the "Equal Opportunity" trait. It now reads, "Command or Organizational Climate/Equal Oppor-

tunity" and grades officers' and Sailors' performance in improving retention, support for growth and development of subordinates, leadership in equal opportunity, and community involvement.

"These changes support our CNO's emphasis on covenant leadership," said Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel. "We are giving leaders an opportunity to personalize the evaluation form so it will be a more meaningful feedback tool to develop their people, and an improved means to provide detailers and selection boards with information needed to evaluate that subordinate both for follow-on assignment and promotion. The message should be loud and clear for today's leaders that developing tomorrow's leaders is a solemn responsibility."

A fourth change is the addition of a "summary group average block" showing members how their overall average compares to others graded by the same senior. This allows them to see the same information being provided to selection boards.

The "Military Bearing" trait has also been revised to reflect guidance in the latest physical fitness instruction. A score of excellent or outstanding on the physical fitness assessment is no longer required to achieve a 5.0 in that category.

Details, and additional administrative changes to Fitreps and Evals, can be found in NAVADMIN 213/02 at [www.bupers.navy.mil](http://www.bupers.navy.mil). A forthcoming NAVADMIN will update the procedures for downloading the NAVFIT software required to print the revised forms.

## *TSP offers alternatives to those nervous about financial markets*

By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS)—It's tough to turn on the news these days without hearing about corporate accounting scandals and the plummeting stock market.

The uncertainty on Wall Street should not discourage Sailors from participating or maximizing their participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), which offers significant tax incentives and opportunities to enhance retirement savings.

One option for Sailors enrolled in TSP to consider while investors weather the storms on Wall Street is the G Fund, which consists exclusively of investments in short-term, nonmarketable U.S. Treasury securities issued to TSP. Since 1991, the fund has earned an average annual return rate of 6.5 percent.

Sailors should also keep in mind that investment decisions should be made with long-term goals in mind. Each fund in the TSP has its own risk and return. Those options range from complete investment in the stock market — and its corresponding changes in value — to extremely low-risk government securities like the G Fund.

Commands are encouraged to hold GMT discussing the long-term benefits of the program, especially for junior Sailors who have the most time to invest. The next open season begins Nov. 15, 2002 and lasts through Jan. 31, 2003.

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, go to [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov). For more Navy Personnel Command news, visit their NewsStand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp).



# Shining Sailors...



NMCB-5 photos by JO1 (SW) Scott Sutherland

Ten Naval Selected Reservists serving with NMCB-5 returned from a 10-month deployment of Okinawa, Japan, and Guam. They are shown here at a special ceremony held July 11 at NMCB-5 headquarters. The augmented unit was recalled last October following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They represent the last of the recalled Reservists from NMCB-5. NMCB-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. David Fleisch presented the unit with Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medals and Letters of Commendation.



HM1 Brenda King is presented a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal from NMCB-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. David Fleisch.



Lt. j.g. James Bredesen, NMCB-5 administrative officer, receives a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



CM1 Lawrence Leonard receives a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



by YN2 Thomas Jackson

CE1(SCW/DV) Dennis Metcalf receives a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal from Lt. Cmdr. Erica Sahler, commanding officer of UCT-2.



by PH1 Mark Foughty

Capt. Thomas K. Lawman (left), Deputy Commander Fleet Logistics Support Wing, awards Cmdr. Michael Mahan the Meritorious Service Medal at the end of his tour as commanding officer of VR-55.

For submissions of military awards of your command or department's shining Sailors, contact PH3 Brian L. Bynem at NBVC Public Affairs.

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Please send photos or high resolution, 300 dpi, .jpeg digital images with a full caption of all persons appearing in the photo including first names and ranks, the award description, and the photographer's name for recognition.



# What's Playing

## Needham Theater Port Hueneme

Thurs., Aug. 1	7 p.m. Windtalkers
Fri., Aug. 2	7 p.m. The Bourne Identity 9 p.m. Scooby Doo
Sat., Aug. 3	2 p.m. Hey Arnold 7 p.m. Minority Report 9 p.m. Ya Ya Sisterhood
Sun., Aug. 4	7 p.m. The Bourne Identity
Thurs., Aug. 8	7 p.m. Scooby Doo
Fri., Aug. 9	7 p.m. Minority Report 9 p.m. The Bourne Identity
Sat. Aug. 10	2 p.m. Hey Arnold 7 p.m. Like Mike
Sun. Aug. 11	9 p.m. Minority Report 7 p.m. Star Wars, Episode II

## Station Theater, Point Mugu

Fri. Aug. 2	7 p.m. Spider Man 9 p.m. Blade 2
Sat. Aug. 3	7 p.m. Spider Man 9 p.m. Blade 2
Sun. Aug 4	2 p.m. Spider Man
Fri. Aug. 9	7 p.m. The New Guy 9 p.m. Changing Lanes
Sat. Aug. 10	7 p.m. The New Guy 9 p.m. Changing Lanes
Sun. Aug. 11	2 p.m. Ice Age



# At the Movies

*All movies are now free of charge.*

**Windtalkers (R)**, Starring Nicolas Cage and Adam Beach. **Synopsis:** A combat-traumatized Marine sergeant is assigned to protect a Navajo soldier whose language served as America's most impenetrable code in the Pacific during WWII.

However, said Marine's primary orders are to "protect the code," even if that means killing the Navajo to stop him from falling into enemy hands. (MGM) **Runtime:** 133 minutes.

**The Bourne Identity (PG-13)**, Starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. **Synopsis:** International espionage thriller about an unknown man who is found floating in the Mediterranean with several gunshot wounds and no memory. When a group of heavily armed assassins remember him, he is forced to go on the run with a German girl. (Universal) **Runtime:** 118 minutes.

**Scooby-Doo (PG)**, Starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar. **Synopsis:** Cartoonish crime comedy about a group of amateur detectives who dress in retro-'70s styles, drive a green van, and solve crimes with the help of a chatty, eternally hungry Great Dane. Based on the popular animated series. (Warner Bros.) **Runtime:** 87 minutes.

**Hey Arnold! The Movie (PG)**, Starring Spencer Klein and Paul Sorvino. **Synopsis:** Eccentrically drawn cartoon about an oblong-headed fourth grader who sets about foiling a construction magnate's plans to turn his funky urban neighborhood into a mall. Based on the popular Nickelodeon kids' series. (Paramount) **Runtime:** 75 minutes.

**Minority Report (PG-13)**, Starring Tom Cruise and Colin Farrell. **Synopsis:** Mind-bending sci-fi thriller takes place in a future where crime is predicted by psychics and prevented by paramilitary police. However, one such techno-detective suddenly finds himself the subject of a manhunt for a murder he hasn't yet committed. (Warner Bros./DreamWorks) **Runtime:** 145 minutes.

**Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13)**, Starring Sandra Bullock and Ashley Judd. **Synopsis:** Southern-flavored comedy/drama chronicles the loving and bickering of an extended group of female friends as they pass through the various stages of their lives as both mothers and daughters. (Warner Bros.) **Runtime:** 116 minutes.

**Like Mike (PG)**, Starring Lil' Bow Wow and Jonathan Lipnicki. **Synopsis:** Fantasy-themed kids' comedy profiles a preteen basketball player who, after receiving a pair of magical Air Jordan shoes, starts playing in the NBA. (Fox) **Runtime:** 100 minutes.

**Ice Age (PG)**, Starring Ray Romano and John Leguizamo. **Synopsis:** Computer-animated, prehistoric-era buddy-comedy about a mammoth and sloth who find a human infant and are forced to rely on the help of a shifty saber-tooth tiger to return the baby to its tribe. (Fox) **Runtime:** 84 minutes.

**Changing Lanes (R)**, Starring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson. **Synopsis:** Combination psychological thriller and social drama follows the increasingly dangerous cycle of vengeance stemming from a fender-bender between a cocky young lawyer and a down-and-out divorced father. (Paramount) **Runtime:** 99 minutes.

**The New Guy (PG-13)**, Starring D.J. Qualls and Lyle Lovett. **Synopsis:** Teen comedy about an unpopular geek who revamps his image after a stint in jail and becomes the cool kid at his new high school. (SONY) **Runtime:** 90 minutes.

**Blade II (R)**, Starring Wesley Snipes and Ron Perlman. **Synopsis:** Based on the Marvel Comics character, this action-packed horror adventure finds the vampire killer "Blade" teaming up with a band of vampires to battle a new breed of ghoulish mutant. (New Line) **Runtime:** 108 minutes.

**Spider-Man (PG-13)**, Starring Tobey Maguire and Willem Dafoe. **Synopsis:** A nerdy high-school student (Maguire), after being bitten by a genetically modified spider, gains arachnid-like agility, super-strength, and web-slinging abilities. He uses his new-found talents to fight crime, particularly the rampage of a villain known as the "Green Goblin." (SONY) **Runtime:** 111 minutes.

**Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG)**, Starring Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman. **Synopsis:** Sci-fi epic follows three heroes — the young Jedi apprentice Anakin Skywalker (Christensen), his master Obi-Wan Kenobi (McGregor), and the young monarch Amidala (Portman) — caught up in intergalactic political machinations surrounding a suspicious revolt and the creation of a sinister, genetically uniform army. (Fox). **Runtime:** 140 minutes.



# Chapel Schedule

**Point Mugu**

For information please phone 989-7967

**Worship**

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Protestant Worship: 11:15 a.m.  
Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

**Religious Education**

Children’s Worship: Sundays at 9 a.m.  
Catholic CCD: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion: Tuesday at 4 p.m.

**Port Hueneme**

For information please phone 982-4358

**Worship**

Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: Noon  
Sunday Protestant Worship: 9:45 a.m.  
Children’s Church for ages 3-9  
Christian Science Service: 2 p.m.  
Weekday Mass: Monday & Friday at 11:30 a.m.  
Weekday Eucharistic Service: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

# Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society News



The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society is a financial assistance resource for all active duty Navy, retired Sailors, Marines, and their dependents. NMCRS provide instructions in understanding military pay and allowances, benefits, resources. NMCRS also provides instruction on developing and maintaining a realistic budget for your family.

A substantial amount of our financial assistance goes to service members with families because they most often face more budgetary problems. However, the society renders financial assistance to everyone – regardless of their marital status. Check out the programs at the NMCRS at Port Hueneme. Call 982-4409.

**Event Calendar**

- Crochet Day:** Aug. 7 and Aug. 21, 9 a.m. – Noon, located at the Beehive. No experience is required!!!
- Budget for Baby:** Aug. 13 at Port Hueneme from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and at Point Mugu from 9 a.m.– 11 a.m.. Registration is required. Call to register at one of the locations 982- 4409.
- Thrift Shop:** Open every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located in bldg. 829 behind NCTC on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Volunteer Orientations:** Aug. 8 at NMCRS at Port Hueneme. Call to volunteer, 982-4409.

# Navy asks enlisted Sailors to define their jobs

## Chief of Naval Personnel

### Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON—Over the next 18 months, more than 50,000 Sailors will determine how the fleet of the future is trained and what its enlisted force needs to know to compete for advancement.

The Navy has chartered a complete, bottom-up review of its enlisted Sailors' occupational standards (OCCSTDS) to get an accurate measure of what Sailors do to support the mission. The data will be used to improve training and detailing, help design manning for ships of the future, and ensure the Navy is ready to meet future challenges.

Occupational standards are task statements that define what Sailors must be able to do and at which paygrade they are required to be able to accomplish those tasks. These new standards won't just be a list of tasks, but will now be linked to the things that make completing them possible, such as knowledge and tools.

"Our current system of occupational standards has been around since 1973 and we need change," said Rear Adm. John Harvey, Director of Total Force Programming and Manpower Management for the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. "The old structure has served the Navy well, but we need to do better.

"Sailors are at the heart of this effort. With their input we'll build on what we have to create a system that responds to change better. We cannot waste Sailors' time or taxpayers'

money on training that isn't efficient and effective; this study will give us the means to meet these commitments."

All ratings are occupational fields that encompass one or more jobs that Sailors perform full-time. Also, many of the jobs that Sailors do full-time, such as diver or instructor, have never had occupational standards. This study will help the Navy better understand these important jobs.

To manage this process the Navy has put together a team of military and civilian organizations that includes the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC); SkillsNET Corporation; and Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDC).

A Web site is being developed for selected Sailors to log on and contribute their input. Online help will guide them through the process, but they will also be able to call or email for help. The team estimates each Sailor will spend from one to six hours completing the work, depending on which level they are participating in. For convenience, those hours can be spread over a period of up to two weeks.

Several hundred Sailors will be contacted during the next few weeks to start the process. They will log into the Web site and review existing work-related task statements. These statements were drawn from existing occupational standards, personnel qualification standards (PQS), and in some cases descriptions of similar civilian jobs.

After Sailors identify the tasks they perform, they will be prompted to create their own statements to describe their

tasks. This part will take each Sailor about three hours.

When completed and combined with the inputs of their colleagues, senior Sailors will review the consolidated task statements on at least two separate occasions. Participants in this phase can expect to spend up to six hours reviewing the tasks. In the second review, the tasks will get a quick, one-hour review by a larger number of Sailors to ensure quality and completeness.

The next step will arrange tasks into clusters of similar tasks. Several hundred more senior Sailors who will assign associated knowledge elements and tools needed to perform the tasks will review the task clusters. This step should take the experts about four hours.

By August of 2003, each of the 140 separate functional areas will contain a comprehensive list of task clusters that are linked to the knowledge and tools that enable Sailors to perform their jobs. At this point, around 25,000 Sailors will do a final survey that should take an hour and a half.

"If you are selected to participate in this project, I ask that you give it your best effort," said Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark in his message to the fleet about this project. "If you are in a position of leadership and your Sailors are chosen, please ensure that they are available to do this work.

"The success of this initiative depends entirely on the experience, perspective and expertise that only our Sailors can provide."

For more information on the Workforce Improvement Project see NAVADMIN 180/02 available at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil> under "Messages."

## SRB Program pays in many ways

### By CNP Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON—The Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) program has been an important force shaping tool and will be even more important in the future as the Navy aligns its force to meet mission requirements.

"SRB is an important incentive we use to retain critical warfighting skill sets," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr. "It plays an important role in retaining the proper force mix, which is essential as we carry out the Navy's role in the global war on terrorism."

Critical ratings are generally very technical and require a great deal of investment, both in time and money; continually replacing Sailors with extensive training and experience isn't cost effective. Incentivizing retention with SRB is cost effective because it's less costly in time and money to retain Sailors with the required skills and experience than to train new ones.

SRBs are currently offered to only 15.4 percent of the total number of skills and 38 percent of ratings in the Navy. Even so, 60 percent of the skills and ratings that receive SRBs remain undermanned. SRB rates are continually reviewed and sometimes revised to ensure the incentives are being offered to retain the correct skill mix.

"These SRB statistics are noteworthy because they highlight the 'selective' in Selective Reenlistment Bonus," said Cmdr. Chris Arendt, Director of Enlisted Plans and Policies for the Chief of Naval Personnel.

"We value the service of every Sailor who makes the decision to continue performing a career of service in the Navy," added Arendt. "We use the SRBs to ensure we have the people in our undermanned ratings. SRB is a critical force-shaping tool for us."

Effective use of SRB has been one of the foundations to increasing battle group readiness throughout the Fleet. It has increased dramatically in the past year, meaning Sailors are reporting to deploying units sooner and are better able to integrate and train before deployment. With increased manning, material readiness also increases because more Sailors are available to perform maintenance and upkeep.

"Right now, overall, the Navy has the correct number of total Sailors, but over the next couple of years we will have to shape the force to manage mission essential requirements to support the Fleet," explained Ryan.

"Coupled with leadership, SRB is and will continue to be the an important force shaping tool the Navy has available to attain our ultimate goal of having the right Sailor at the right place and at the right time," Ryan added.

## 2002 Navy Equal Opportunity/Sexual Harassment survey on its way to the fleet

### From NAVPERSCOM Navy Equal Opportunity Office

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Since 1989, the Navy has periodically assessed the attitudes and concerns of its personnel through the Navy Equal Opportunity/Sexual Harassment (NEOSH) Survey.

Approximately 15,000 enlisted and officer personnel, who were selected at random, are scheduled to receive the 2002 NEOSH survey in August.

"It's input from the fleet that will make this survey valid and valuable," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr. "We ask that those who receive this survey complete and return it as soon as possible so we can work to make improvements."

Assessment of a recent survey administered by the Navy Personnel Research, Studies and Technology (NPRST) revealed that many Sailors do not complete surveys because of the amount of time involved. The survey found that personnel want shorter surveys and they want to see the results.

In an effort to increase participation this year, the Navy has decreased the number of survey questions by one-third to shorten the time required completing the NEOSH. Those who participate will receive instructions on how to access the results when they become available.

"As we continue to fight and win the global war on terrorism, it is vital that we continue to promote a positive climate," added Ryan. "As leaders we are tasked with making sure all Navy personnel are provided an equal opportunity to grow and develop, both professionally and personally. This survey will identify areas for us to work on."

Past NEOSH surveys indicate the Navy has made significant progress in providing positive growth and development to Sailors. This survey will allow Navy leadership to assess the current climate and take action to continue this successful trend.

Questions regarding the NEOSH survey should be directed to the Navy Equal Opportunity Office (NAVPERSCOM PERS-00H) at (901) 874-4283/DSN 882 or e-mail: [P00H1@persnet.navy.mil](mailto:P00H1@persnet.navy.mil).

Additional information is also available on the BUPERS Web site at [www.persnet.navy.mil/pers00H](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers00H).

For more Chief of Naval Personnel news, go to [www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp).





# Help wanted! Military spouses needed

## FFSC

More than 54,000 spouses utilized the Spouse Employment Assistance Program in 2001. Estimates have shown that the average salary of a spouse who used SEAP was \$10,000 more than those who did not use the Spouse Employment Assistance Program. How is this so? Examples: Knowing the right questions to ask at the employment interview, highlighting accomplishments on their resumes, and knowing effective compensation negotiation techniques.

Most spouses tend to look for new positions on their own. Sooner or later, many people find themselves unchallenged or “trapped” in the wrong environment or industry because they simply look for a new job the same way they did in the past. Using old approaches often leads to months of trial and error job hunting, cutting into their self-confidence. Rather than using resumes that are crafted as marketing solutions with stories to qualify them for what they want to do, they use a single document that says, “Here is Jane Doe, she went to these schools, she worked in these industries, she had these jobs and duties.” This definitely places them at a disadvantage. And because they don’t search very often, very few use a solid marketing plan. Faced with the increasing pressure and a resume made up with a hope and a prayer, this can take a high cost in human emotion in today’s competitive market.

This is not to say that you cannot use old job hunting methods and get a job on your own. Certainly, if you knock on enough doors, give out enough resumes and tell everyone you know that you are job hunting, you’ll eventually get a job. But what kind of job will you get? What type of income are you looking for? How long will it take?

The purpose of a job hunting interview is to get a job. When you apply for a position and the employer likes your resume or application form, you will be called to arrange for an interview. It is exciting to get those types of calls, but in your excitement, don’t forget to obtain the specific information that you will need such as:

- name of the company
- day and time that the interview is scheduled
- where it will be held (if you are not sure where the company is located, go on a dry run the day before)
- the name of the person who called you for the interview

The Spouse Employment Program provides resume preparation assistance, effective job search techniques, employment interview and marketing coaching and one on one job counseling. Hope to meet and see you at our next Spouse 101 Workshop, August 13, from 8 a.m. to

### Point Mugu

**Please call 989-8146 for further information or to sign up for classes.**  
*Baby Shower*, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*Moving On: Support Group*, Aug. 7 & 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*How to Write a Federal Resume*, Aug. 12, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*Married to the Military Spouse 101*, Aug. 13, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*Personal Financial Management*, Aug. 14, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*Base Indoc*, Aug. 14-16, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 116  
*Play Mornings*, Every Tues. 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Chapel Nursery  
*Preseparation Briefs*, Every Thurs., 2 p.m., Bldg. 116

### Port Hueneme

**Please call 982-4117 for further information or to sign up for classes.**  
*Executive TAP*, Aug. 5-8, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Stress Management*, Aug. 6 & 13, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Personal Financial Management*, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Relationships*, Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Retired Activities Office*, Daily, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Preseparation Briefs*, Every Tues. 2 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
*Baby & Me*, Every Thurs., 11:00 a.m. – Noon, Bldg. 1169

4 p.m. at Fleet and Family Service Center, Point Mugu, Building 116. The commissary and deli is providing us with a complimentary lunch and the day will be filled with great information. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and network.

Please call 982-5037 to make an appointment with Spouse Employment Counselor, Sandy Lyle.

Here is a list of the fastest growing jobs in the market: computer scientist, human services workers, computer engineers, data processing equipment repair, systems analysts, medical records technicians, personal and home care aides, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, physical and corrective therapy assistants, amusement and recreation attendants, home health care aides, dental hygienists, desktop publishing workers, physician assistants, medical assistant, adjustment clerks, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, occupational therapists, manicurists, special education teachers, engineering managers, mathematical and natural science managers.

# Navy Fleet and Family Support Center launches global marketing campaign

## Fleet and Family Service Center Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS)—As part of its goal to improve recruitment, readiness and retention, the U.S. Navy has launched a global campaign to encourage servicemembers and their families to take advantage of life- and career-enhancing programs offered at its 55 Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSCs) around the world.

"Fleet and Family Support Centers are among the Navy's best efforts to put Servicemembers and their families first," said Captain Kim Drury of the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn. "We offer a range of programs from Personal Financial Management and New Parent Support to Spouse Employment Assistance, Professional Counseling and Deployment Support."

The center services are free to all servicemembers, their families, retirees and activated reservists. It is a benefit unmatched in the private sector, said Drury.

"No private sector employer takes care of its own the way the Navy does. And the new logo and theme line we've adopted to promote the programs reflect this," she said.

The FFSC's new lighthouse logo and theme line: "Meeting Your Needs, At Home, At



Sea," were designed to give the centers a uniform identity at naval bases around the globe. The goal is to familiarize more servicemembers and their families with the various programs offered, and increase utilization, Drury said.

"These programs are specifically designed to address the unique challenges that come with life in the military," Drury said. "We are here to help families and servicemembers manage their finances, deal with stress, relocate, adjust to parenting and everything in between."

Servicemembers are often unaware of or are misinformed about the array of programs available to them and their families.

"Like many of my former peers, I was under the assumption that you only go to the FFSC if you are in trouble," said 20-year Navy veteran Eugene Jackson, who retired from the service and now serves as a relocation spe-

cialist at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. "I was amazed to find out about all the services and resources the FFSC has to offer — services that could've made my career a lot less stressful if only I had known or had made an effort to find out."

To help raise awareness and change perceptions of the center, Navy Personnel Command brought nearly 60 of its FFSC directors and marketing specialists to Millington for three days of training in June and July.

"This training is one element of our commitment to getting servicemembers and their families to take advantage of this important benefit they earn every day through hard work and dedication to our armed forces," Drury said.

The training sessions included a presentation by marketing expert professor O.C.

Ferrell, who chairs the marketing department at Colorado State University.

Ferrell is a leading professor and scholar of marketing and business ethics who has co-written more than 70 articles and 17 books. Before joining Colorado State, he was a University of Memphis instructor and previously taught marketing concepts to base-exchange managers for the Army and Air Force.

"Those who use the FFSC once tend to use it again because they receive great service and they discover all the other beneficial programs available to them there. The challenge is getting servicemembers to walk in the door the first time," Ferrell said. "That's where effective, targeted marketing comes in, and this campaign delivers that element."

For more news from the Chief of Naval Personnel, go to [www.news.navy.mil/cnp](http://www.news.navy.mil/cnp).

## Naval War College offers local decision making course



Naval War College (NWC) graduate-level seminar in National Security Decision-Making is available to officers and senior civilians for academic year 2002-2003. There is no tuition fee and books are provided on a loan basis. The seminar will meet on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m., on base, for approximately 34 weeks, commencing in late August ending in May.

Certificates of completion are provided at the end of each course, and successful completion of all three courses results in the award of a College Of Naval Command and Staff diploma and credit for joint professional military education phase 1. The courses are fully accredited for up to a total of 21 graduate credits, which may be applied to the requirements of many civilian university programs.

Since NWC sponsors similar seminars at various locations throughout the U.S. and overseas, it is possible for an officer who is transferred or is on TAD to continue study at

another location.

NWC accepts nonresident seminar program applications from commissioned officers (active and reserve) and civilian employees of the federal government, subject to the following eligibility:

Requirements: members of the sea services (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) must be in grade O-3 or above, while officers from other services must be in grade O-4 or above. Civilian employees of the federal government in the grade of GS-11 and above are also eligible for enrollment. All students must have previously earned at least a baccalaureate degree. The initial deadline for applications is July 19, however, applications will be accepted well into August 2002.

Information and applications can be obtained from the appropriate NWC local area liaison officer Gary Corwin, (805) 228-0350 (DSN 296).

More information is available by logging on to our Web site at <http://cce.nwc.navy.mil>; or, by calling the College of Distance Education (formerly the College of Continuing Education) at (401) 841-6519 (DSN 948) or email to: [spatolaa@nwc.navy.mil](mailto:spatolaa@nwc.navy.mil).

## NSWC Port Hueneme plays vital role in Pacific Blitz 02

KAUAI, Hawaii — Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Port Hueneme helped lead the successful execution of Pacific Blitz 02, a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) event held in conjunction with the 2002 Rim of the Pacific exercise at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) off Kauai, Hawaii on July 2-3. The event enabled the fleet to test BMD tactics and procedures.

NSWC Port Hueneme provided leadership stationed ashore and onboard an AEGIS Linebacker Cruiser, including a project officer to lead the ship-board test team. NSWC Port Hueneme's leadership directly contributed to the accomplishment of important Sea-Based Midcourse Defense objectives supported by the firing, detection, tracking, and reporting of two low-fidelity/separating Terrier Lynx (T/L) ballistic missile targets. Two live CHUKAR III targets were also engaged simultaneously with the flight of the T/L on July 3.

Interoperability objectives, spearheaded by NSWC Port Hueneme personnel, were also accomplished as an integral part of Pacific Blitz 02. These objectives included the exchange of BMD track data via Tactical Digital Information Link (TADIL) A/J (Link 11/Link 16) and Satellite TADIL-J (STJ) between participating Navy ships, PMRF, a G-1 Relay aircraft, and various continental United States based labs.

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